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## MISCELLANEOUS.

From the New Yorker.

PASSAGES IN THE LIFE OF TIMOTHY JENKINS ESQ.

A Tale of the Shin-Plaster Currency.

BY OUR BACHELOR ASSOCIATE.

### PART THIRD—CHAPTER I.

Showing how Timothy Jenkins learned that  
in the watch-house which he afterwards  
turned to much account.

"The lane must be a long one that has  
no end," soliloquized our hero, as he left  
the lock-up-house on the morning after his  
frustrated attempt at suicide. "I have played  
my game with honesty for the trump, and what  
have I gained? The contempt of my political  
associates, the anger of the lovely Angelina,  
the ridicule of Bank clerks, loafers, and Char-  
leys; in addition to all which I have been  
robbed of my money, my word doubted by my  
friend, and passed a night in the watch-house.  
So much for honesty; and now—" He left the  
sentence unfinished, for he had reached his  
dwelling, and the strange events of the night  
had sharpened his appetite and somewhat  
confused his ideas.

Timothy Jenkins felt that he was a  
persecuted man. With every intention  
to act well his part, he had encountered  
difficulties insurmountable; and like many  
wiser men, he resolved to alter his  
position—modify Loco-Focoism, and see  
whether some pecuniary benefit could not be  
gleaned from the disarranged state of the  
currency.

Great men, like the blossoms of the  
aloe, are scarce—very scarce; but there are  
times when, from the womb of revolu-  
tion, anarchy, or politics, minds of  
distinguished calibre will assert their su-  
periority over the common herd, and ride  
upon the tempestuous billows of popular  
tumult to wealth and honor. Our national  
struggle caused the developement of those  
high powers which the whole world confesses  
to have been centered in George Washington.  
Anarchy made Cromwell Protector of a nation,  
which, grown and strengthened in the  
aristocracy of a dozen centuries, never-  
theless swallowed the semi-republican pill  
he offered it, with tolerable grace; and  
politics, or what is the same thing, humbug,  
gave an opportunity to Timothy Jenkins  
of building a new currency upon the ruins of  
the old, and substituting in lieu of a specie  
medium a most convenient and valuable  
shin-plaster currency!

It was even so, and loth as we are to  
record such a heinous dereliction from  
principle on the part of our hero, yet,  
truth-constrained, we announce the fact,  
that Timothy Jenkins, who the day before  
was the warm advocate of a specie  
currency, came from confinement deter-  
mined to make a rag medium in the  
government of which he was to be Presi-  
dent and Cashier.

"I am in debt," cogitated he, when he  
had again entered his chamber; "this  
money must be paid and I can never  
raise it by ordinary means. These are  
shin-plaster times, and I will profit by  
them. I must select a new cue. Ha! I  
have it!—the democracy never was in  
favor of an exclusive metallic currency!  
No! down with the monopoly Banks,  
and give us free banking—a 'judicious'  
admixture of coin and paper, capital and  
credit, mint-drops and shin-plasters, will  
furnish the true golden mean—the most  
desirable 'circulating medium.'"

He had pondered over his wretched  
situation while confined the night pre-  
vious, and resolved to commence business  
in a small way, issue his own notes, and  
upon the lately created principles of free  
banking, engrave a paper issue, which,  
although seemingly irresponsible, he was  
satisfied would be liquidated so soon as  
he received the proceeds of his poem.

Behold, then, Timothy Jenkins, no  
longer a specie advocate, but a warm  
friend of Scotch banking and a shin-plas-  
ter currency.

### CHAPTER II.

Timothy commences business—His early suc-  
cess—He pays up John Jones.

To resolve, with Timothy Jenkins,  
was to do; and in an hour after break-  
fast, he was closeted with his friend  
Simpkins, the grocer, who vends must-  
ard and molasses in the Second Ward.  
Simpkins, like Jenkins, is an extraordi-  
nary man, and can follow an idea, when  
furnished, with sleuth-hound precision;  
but like Peter Spuyk, he was never con-  
victed of giving breath to an opinion of  
his own.

Long and animated was the confer-  
ence of the two worthies, and the sun  
had clambered up the eastern skies al-  
most to its meridian, before Timothy  
Jenkins might be seen wending his way  
again homeward, with a flashing eye,  
indicative of high satisfaction. Tri-  
umph sat enthroned upon his classic  
brow, and he spoke certain words to  
himself, which led many of the by-stand-  
ers to suppose that he was a member of  
the Legislature, just returned from Alba-  
ny, without having had an opportunity

to deliver his maiden speech. But his  
expressions were of shin-plaster, not of  
Safety Fund notes.

"It will do," chuckled Timothy Jen-  
kins, "it must do. I will see how 'my  
experiment' will work. The free bank-  
ing system will enable me to pay my  
debt, extend the business of my friend  
Simpkins, and be the father of a curren-  
cy, like Nick Biddle and General Jack-  
son. This new circulating medium is a  
happy relief to the dangerous issues of  
our unwieldy State corporations, and the  
'shy' mint-drops of the Benton curren-  
cy. What a fool I have been to serve  
as a drummer in the tents of Loco-  
Focoism, when I might have amassed  
a little fortune before this by extending  
the system of free banking, and making  
a shin-plaster Bank—myself both Cash-  
ier and drawer!"

Timothy laughed, fixed his beaver  
a la d'Orsay, and smiled upon the pretty  
chambermaid who opened the door to  
him on his return.

"I will give her some of my curren-  
cy," said Timothy Jenkins, as he gained  
his apartment, and threw down upon his  
secretaire some packages of blank shin-  
plasters.

While our worthy banker is filling up  
his blanks, it may be as well to state to  
the reader, that he had entered into a  
contract with Simpkins to receive his  
paper in exchange for groceries—he,  
Jenkins, arguing that it would have the  
effect of increasing the sales of Simp-  
kins. "I will pay you, with interest,  
when my poem is published," said the  
poet; and the man of mustard assented.  
The plan succeeded admirably. The  
grocer was known to be a man of integ-  
rity, and the promptitude with which he  
honored the bills gave confidence to the  
holders; and Timothy Jenkins disposed  
of them readily, at a discount of only  
thirty per cent.

Flushed with success, he, on the third  
day of his induction into the privileges  
of a banker, entered the store of John  
Jones, who scowled upon his late friend.  
Timothy quailed not beneath the glance  
of the indignant Jones, but drawing from  
his pocket a well-lined wallet, he count-  
ed out bills to the amount of one hun-  
dred and thirty dollars, which he handed  
over to the astonished Jones.

"Why, how is this, Mr. Jenkins?"  
said Jones. "May I ask how you came  
into possession of this money? Have  
you recovered your stolen coin?"

"Mr. Jones," gravely replied Mr.  
Jenkins, "there was a time when I es-  
teemed you my friend. That time is  
past, and now we are strangers."

"Humph!" muttered Jones, "how we  
apples—"

"Mr. Jones," continued Timothy, "I  
am now a banker upon the Scotch plan.  
I have made an arrangement to have all  
my notes taken in payment for groceries  
by my friend Simpkins."

"And so," sneered Jones, "the Loco  
Foco Jenkins has turned shin-plaster  
agent! But how do you expect to re-  
deem them?"

Timothy Jenkins scorned to reply.  
"When you sell your property at the  
mouth of the Oregon, I suppose, eh?"  
queried John Jones.

"Mr. Jones," said our hero—  
"Mr. Jenkins," broke in the other,  
"are you aware that your new curren-  
cy is a swindling operation?—and you  
are irresponsible, and cannot redeem  
them."

"I take the responsibility, sir," replied  
Timothy.

"You are a knave, Mr. Jenkins," said  
John Jones, as he handed a receipt for  
the money.

### CHAPTER III.

Miss Angelina Tompkins again—A reconcil-  
iation and declaration of love.

Miss Angelina Tompkins was a sin-  
gular compound of good feelings and  
carelessness. It is not to be doubted  
that Timothy Jenkins had won her sus-  
ceptible heart; he had written verses to  
her eye-brows, eulogized her hair, and  
published some stanzas in a magazine  
addressed to her. These delicate at-  
tentions have a great effect, and notwith-  
standing she had treated him harshly,  
she still had a place for him in her heart,  
more especially after his success in  
his banking speculation.

She therefore penned him a short note  
written on rose colored paper, and sealed  
with a motto "Pensez a moi." In it  
she asked forgiveness for the past, and  
Timothy no sooner perused it than he  
cast aside his pen, and flew to the resi-  
dence of his beloved. An affecting scene  
ensued—vows of eternal constancy were  
exchanged, and a trip to Staten Island  
arranged for the afternoon.

"I will go and get some of my new  
bank bills," said Timothy "they are  
excellent small change, and will prevent  
any sad accident. You remember Ho-  
boken, Miss Tompkins?"

"Oh Mr. Jenkins," simpered the lady,  
"you promised to forget all that."

"Dear Angelina, I have forgotten it."

"She is a sweet girl," said the ena-

ored Jenkins, "and now that I have o-  
pened my eyes to the folly of loco foco-  
ism, and the convenience of a shin-plas-  
ter currency there can be no possible  
reason why I should not marry and  
thrive."

He was enraptured with the pros-  
pect, and when he again returned to An-  
gelina, his looks were so tender, his  
words so eloquent, that the loving An-  
gelina willingly, though blushing, mur-  
mured her assent to his declaration of  
love.

Happy Jenkins—but let me close this  
chapter.

### CHAPTER IV.

The lovers go to Staten Island—the star of  
Timothy declines—reverse and collision.

"The course of true love never did  
run smooth," said one who had studied  
the philosophy of the tender passion;  
yet Timothy Jenkins with his fair An-  
gelina upon his arm, seemed to afford  
one exception to the general rule of the  
poet.

A sail upon the waters of our magni-  
ficent bay yields delight to the sear heart  
of stoical age, as well as joy to the bo-  
som of sweet sixteen. There is true  
poetry in such an excursion. The long  
line of hills on the right, as you ap-  
proach the quarantine ground—the gen-  
tly swelling slopes of Long Island,  
stretching away as far as the eye can  
reach, clothed in their raiment of green—  
the blue waters and the cooling breeze—  
here are the elements of joy, and the  
heart of the city's wearied son throbs  
with pleasure as the steamer glides over  
the yielding waves.

Timothy was occupied in pointing  
out these beauties of nature to his be-  
trothed, when the boat arrived at New  
Brighton.

They strolled along the beach, or  
wandered among the hills until the  
shades of evening gathered around them,  
and they returned to the Bay House,  
where Timothy ordered supper. The  
bar-keeper hearing Miss Tompkins ad-  
dress Timothy by his full name, inquired  
of him whether he was the gentleman  
generally known by the appellation of  
"Shin-plaster Jenkins?" Mr. Jenkins  
answered that he was a banker on the  
shin-plaster currency.

"You of course have specie to pay  
for your supper?" said the sub-Boni-  
face.

"I have not," replied Timothy, "but  
I have plenty of my shin-plasters."

"They won't do."

"Why?" said Timothy.

"You ought to know, for Mr. Simp-  
kins the grocer has refused to accept  
any more of them. He says you are a  
swindler."

"What do you mean sir?" indignantly  
answered Timothy; "do you know  
who you are speaking to?"

"Ay I know you; you are the man  
who used to stir up the loco-focos, and  
cried down the banks; and now you  
have coaxed Simon Simpkins to take  
your shin-plasters, but he was over here  
this morning with Mr. John Jones—and  
so your bank must stop payment." Boni-  
face turned on his heel, leaving our per-  
secuted banker to digest the strange in-  
formation he had heard.

It was even so! John Jones had cau-  
tioned the grocer, and the consequence  
was that the latter refused to meet the  
issues of Mr. Jenkins.

Timothy turned to Angelina for con-  
solation, but he was appalled by the look  
she cast on him.

"Dearest Angelina," he said, tenderly  
pressing her hand, "this is all a mis-  
take, which will be rectified the mo-  
ment I see Simpkins. It is all owing to  
that scoundrel Jones."

Mr. Jones is not a scoundrel, and  
would scorn to do a mean action," said  
the lady—it was evident she feared a  
new edition of the Hoboken excursion.  
"I wish to return to the city, Mr. Jen-  
kins," she continued.

"But I have no money but shin-plas-  
ters, and they won't take them," mourn-  
fully answered the gentleman.

"Very well, sir," was the cruel reply  
of the fickle fair: "I have a shilling of your  
old specie currency, Mr. Jenkins, and I  
leave you to the pleasure of a moon-light  
ramble of the hills, and the consolation  
of knowing that the shin-plaster currency  
is about as available as your specie hum-  
bug. Good night, shin-plaster Knight,"  
and she accepted the arm of the bar-  
keeper, who very politely escorted her  
to the landing.

Timothy Jenkins cursed himself, Miss  
Tompkins and the currency. He saw  
that he was an object of suspicion, and  
the landlady carefully removed the  
silver spoons. With a sigh he rose  
and left the hotel.

The kiss of morning aroused the vic-  
timized banker from his slumbers, and  
he started from his couch on the cold  
earth with a shudder of disgust.

"How am I to get home?" he groan-  
ed; "the whole story must be known,  
and I shall be gazed at as though I was  
an escaped convict. I am almost fam-  
ished."

He searched his pockets, and with a  
shout of joy drew out a sixpence. With  
the coin he went to the ferry and told  
his piteous story.

Charon generously allowed him to go  
on board, and Timothy flew on the  
wings of appetite to Bleeker street. A  
crowd was gathered before his dwelling,  
and no sooner did Timothy turn the  
corner, than a wild shout broke from their  
midst, and in an instant he was surround-  
ed.

Cries of "Villain!" "Cheat!" "Swind-  
ler!" fell upon his ear, and every hand  
was extended towards him, filled with  
his unfortunate shin-plasters.

Timothy in vain attempted to speak,  
the mob grew fiercer, and trembling  
with fear, he betook himself to flight,  
with his victims upon his heels. Fear  
lent him wings, and he distanced his  
pursuers who sent after him yells of baff-  
led rage.

Seating himself upon a step, he burst  
into tears, and an officer passing him,  
judged him to be intoxicated, and drag-  
ged him to the police office, the victim no  
more of the banks, but of a free banking  
shin-plaster currency.

THE SAILOR AND THE DANDY.—The  
New York Emigrant tells us a capital  
anecdote which we give below. We  
confess that nothing pleases us better  
than to see that mawkish class of beings  
dandies "used up." We have had oc-  
casion heretofore, to handle them with-  
out mittens—we shall do it again.

We are opposed to dandyism—*alias*  
puppyism—principally because it de-  
troys the energies of the mind. It pro-  
strates at the shrine of self that noble and  
godlike gift. The intellect is the boon  
of the Infinite One. He breathed it in-  
to man, and this made him, in a lesser  
degree, like himself. Yet he who cen-  
ters all his thoughts upon ruffles, and  
canes, whiskers, and cologne sacrile-  
giously tramples it, virtually, beneath  
his feet. Such a merit brings the most  
intense scorn.

It depends upon the ladies to produce  
a revolution upon this point. So long  
as they encourage fops, so long will they  
exist. Let them measure a man by the  
size of his mind.

A Captain of one of our Nantucket whal-  
ers an eccentric fellow, and rather of an  
uncouth figure, visited one of our cities  
after a cruise of three years, and one eve-  
ning attended the Theatre. As a mat-  
ter of course, such a rough dark com-  
plexion old character, in a box with sev-  
eral fashionable ladies and gentlemen, at-  
tracted some considerable attention, and  
created much merriment among the ex-  
quisites. Several times every opera glass  
in the boxes were thrust at him until he,  
finally aware that he was the attraction  
of the evening, left the house, deter-  
mined that he would repay such impudence,  
with their own coin, on the following  
night. Accordingly, on the succeeding  
evening, enveloping beneath his great  
coat the ship's spy glass, about two  
and a half feet in length started  
for the Theatre. As soon almost  
as he entered the box, the opera glasses  
were in commotion. He waited until the  
play commenced, when, upon observ-  
ing a young gentleman, with a cane under  
his arm, and a glass at his eye  
pointed directly at him, he drew forth  
from his outer garment the spy-glass, and  
drawing it from the case the entire  
length, aimed it directly at the dandy,  
and continued to look until the house  
was in a continual uproar, and the fop  
with mortification left the box for the  
lobbies.

A QUAIN SERMON.—Mr. Dodd was  
a minister who lived many years ago  
a few miles from Cambridge; and  
having several times been preaching  
against drunkenness, some of the Cam-  
bridge scholars (conscience, which is  
sharper than ten thousand witnesses, be-  
ing their monitor), were very much of-  
fended, and thought he made reflections  
on them. Some little time after, Mr. Dodd  
was walking towards Cambridge, and  
met some of the gowmsmen, who as  
soon as they saw him at a distance, re-  
solved to make some ridicule of him. As  
soon as he came up they accosted him  
with "Your servant, sir!" He replied,  
"Your servant gentlemen." They asked  
him if he had not been preaching very  
much against drunkenness of late? He  
answered in the affirmative. They then  
told him they had a favor to beg of him,  
and it was that he would preach a ser-  
mon to them there from a text they  
should choose. He argued that it was  
an imposition, for a man ought to have  
some consideration before preaching.  
They said they would not put up with a  
denial, and insisted upon his preaching  
immediately (in a hollow tree by the  
road side) from the word M.A.L.T.

He then began, "Beloved, let me crave  
your attention, I am a little man—come  
at a short notice—to preach a ser-  
mon—from a short text—to a thin con-  
gregation—in an unworthy pulpit. Be-  
loved, my text is *Malt*. I cannot divide  
it into sentences, there being none; nor  
into words, there being but one; I must

therefore of necessity, divide it into let-  
ters, which I find in my text to be these  
four—M. A. L. T.

M—is Moral.  
A—is Allegorical.  
L—is Literal.  
T—is Theological.

"The moral, is to teach you rustics  
good manners: therefore M—my Mas-  
ters, A—all of you, L—Leave off, T—  
Tipping.

The allegorical is, when one thing is  
spoken of, and another meant. The  
thing meant is the spirit of Malt, which  
you rustics make, M—your meat, A—  
your apparel, L—your liberty, and T—  
your trust.

"The Literal is, according to the let-  
ters, M—Much, A—Ale, L—Little, T—  
Trust.

"The Theological is, according to the  
effects it works—in some M: Murder;  
in others, A: Adultery; in all, L: Loose-  
ness of Life; and in many T: Treach-  
ery.

"I shall conclude the subject, first, by  
exhortation. M: my Masters, A: All  
of you, L: Look for, T: the Truth,  
which is this: A drunkard is the annoy-  
ance of modesty; the spoil of civility;  
the destruction of reason; the robber's  
agent; the ale-house's benefactor; his  
wife's sorrow; his children's trouble;  
his own shame; his neighbor's scoff; a  
walking swill-bowl; the picture of a  
beast; the monster of a man!"

A HIGHLAND ECHO.—In the course of  
last summer, some strangers of distinc-  
tion were induced to visit a wild retreat  
in a distant part of the highlands, chief-  
ly from the report they had heard of  
an echo, remarkable for the clear and  
distinct nature of its reverberation. On  
reaching the spot from whence the  
trial of its powers is usually made, their  
guide put his hand to the side of his  
mouth, and bawled out with the lungs  
of a Stentor, a salutation in Gaelic,  
which was repeated with a precision  
that was beyond the expectation of the  
party. One of the gentlemen by the  
way of trying the strength of his voice,  
put his hand to the side of his mouth, in  
the same manner as the guide, and cal-  
led out, "How far are we from home?"  
These words much to the surprise  
their conductor, were also repeated,  
when poor Donald, with a simplicity  
that brought a smile over the features  
of all present, observed, "You may  
think it strange, gentlemen, but this is the  
first time I ever heard our echo speak  
English." "I have no doubt," said the  
gentleman, "but it can repeat other lan-  
guages if put to the test," and instantly  
bawled out some French, Spanish, and  
Italian. Donald looked more bewilder-  
ed than ever. "Weel, I must say, that's  
very queer; my own father and my own  
self have known that echo for more than  
seventy years, and we never knew it to  
use no language but the Gaelic language  
before." "Your echo is more learned,  
then, than you supposed," said the gen-  
tleman laughing, though at a loss wheth-  
er to impute Donald's remarks to arch-  
ness or simplicity. "You may say that  
but can you tell me, sir, said the poor  
fellow with an expression of earnestness  
that appeared highly amusing to those  
present, "as the echo has never been out  
of the country, where can she have got  
all her education?"—*Laure of Logan.*

NOVEL COURTSHIP.—I courted her  
under singular circumstances. I won her  
through a rash vow. Thus, I saw her;  
I loved her; I proposed; she refused me.  
"You love another?" "Spare my  
blushes," I know him, "Do you?" "Ver-  
y good, if he remain here, I'll skin him."  
"Lord bless me!" exclaimed Mr. Pick-  
wick involuntarily. "Did you skin the  
gentleman sir?" inquired Mr. Winkle  
with a very pale face. "I wrote him a  
note. I said it was a painful thing.—  
And so it was." "Certainly," interposed  
Mr. Winkle. I said I had pledged my  
word as a gentleman to skin him. My  
character was at stake. I had no alterna-  
tive. As an officer in his majesty's  
service, I was bound to do it